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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUDAPEST 2980

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CGEN, PINS, HU

SUBJECT: ELIMINATION OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

REF: BUDAPEST 2914 AND BUDAPEST 2825 AS AMENDED BY  
BUDAPEST 2855

1. DURING SEPTEMBER 10 CONVERSATION ON OTHER SUBJECTS (SEPTEL), DEPFONMIN NAGY TWITTED MCAULIFFE BY INQUIRING WHEN GOH MIGHT EXPECT REPLY TO DRAFT REPEAT DRAFT NOTE GIVEN TO DCM IN LATE AUGUST PROPOSING ELIMINATION OF CLOSED ZONES. HE RECALLED THEIR JUNE CONVERSATION (BUDAPEST 1812) FROM WHICH HE HAD UNDERSTOOD THAT USG PREPARED TO DO AWAY WITH CLOSED AREA RESTRICTIONS ON RECIPROCAL BASIS.

2. MCAULIFFE REPLIED THAT DCM HAD RECEIVED PROPERLY EXECUTED, NUMBERED AND INITIALLED NOTE FROM FONOFF SOME DAYS AGO. HUNGARIAN NOTE PROPOSED ELIMINATION OF CLOSED ZONES AND IT ALSO PROPOSED, ON RECIPTOCAL BASIS, TO END ALL RESTRICTIONS ON EXIT/ENTRY POINTS. THE WHOLE SUBJECT IS NOW UNDER STUDY IN WASHINGTON. AS NAGY ALREADY KNEW (BUDAPEST 2112), USG OFFER TO ELIMINATE CLOSED AREAS DOES NOT AND DID NOT INCLUDE DOING AWAY WITH EXIT/ENTRY POINT RESTRICTIONS. MCAULIFFE SAID HE HAD COUNSELLED THE WISDOM OF GRADUALISM EARLIER; BUT HE NOW REALIZED THAT GOH FOR ITS OWN GOOD AND SUFFICIENT REASONS WISHES TO FOLLOW DIFFERENT COURSE.

3. NAGY BLURTED THAT SOMEONE IN FONOFF HAD GOOFED.

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BEFORE GOING ON AUGUST VACATION HE HAD LEFT INSTRUCTIONS

WITH SUBORDINATES TO COORDINATE AND CLEAR TEXT OF DRAFT  
NOTE PROPOSING ELIMINATION OF CLOSED ZONES WITH  
APPROPRIATE AGENCIES. AS SOON AS INTERNAL CLEARANCE PROCESS  
COMPLETE, FONOFF WAS TO EFFECT IMMEDIATE EXCHANGE OF NOTES  
WITH EMBASSY. AT TIME OF EXCHANGE OF NOTES FONOFF WAS  
ALSO TO LODGE OFFICIAL BUT ORAL REQUEST THAT USG AGREE TO  
LIFT EXIT/ENTRY POINT RESTRICTIONS. DEPFONMIN THEN  
SUGGESTED THAT EMBASSY RESPOND TO HUNGARIAN NOTE (BUDAPEST 1825),  
AGREE ONLY TO ACCEPTABLE CLOSED ZONES PORTION AND STATE THAT  
EXIT/ENTRY POINT QUESTION UNDER CONTINUING STUDY. MCAULIFFE  
SAID HE WAS PERSONALLY OPPOSED TO SUCH A COURSE OF ACTION.  
IT WOULD BE POLITICALLY MALADROIT FOR U.S. TO PUT ITSELF  
IN THAT POSITION ON THE OFFICIAL RECORD. NAGY THEN SAID  
IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO EFFECT RETURN OF ORIGINAL  
HUNGARIAN NOTE AND TO ISSUE ANOTHER ONE WITH SAME DATE  
AND NUMBER WHICH CONTAINS NO WRITTEN REFERENCE TO  
EXIT/ENTRY POINTS. MCAULIFFE SAID THIS WAS SPLENDID,  
SIMPLE, STRAIGHTFORWARD SOLUTION TO AWKWARD PROBLEM  
AND THAT HE WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND TO WASHINGTON  
THAT HE BE AUTHORIZED TO SWITCH HUNGARIAN NOTES AND  
RESPOND IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER WITH EMBASSY NOTE EFFECTING  
ELIMINATION OF CLOSED ZONES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED:

- A) PLEASE INSTRUCT.
- B) IF AS I HOPE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZES EMBASSY TO  
ACCEPT NAGY'S SUGGESTION, PLEASE POUCH TO BUDAPEST ORIGINAL  
COPY OF MFA NOTE 1386/4/1975 DATED AUGUST 21, 1975 SO THAT WE  
WILL HAVE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT TO ENGAGE IN THIS MAGYAR SHELL  
GAME.  
MCAULIFFE

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